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SUMMARY: LAO ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUNE SIPASEUTH
WILL HEAD LAO DELEGATION TO 30TH UNGA AND WILL BE ACCOM-
PANIED BY THREE OTHER FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS. WE
HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE DATE OF ARRIVAL
OR LENGTH OF STAY IN NEW YORK, BUT WE EXPECT STAY WILL
BE BRIEF. WE HAVE HAD NO RPT NO REQUEST FROM LAO FOR
MEETING WITH SECRETARY AND IN ABSENCE THEREOF WE RECOM-
MEND NO RPT NO U.S. INITIATIVE FOR A BILATERAL MEETING.
END SUMMARY.

1. ON SEPT 10 WE ISSUED DIPLOMATIC G-2 VISAS TO FOLLOW-
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OFFICIALS WHO WILL CONSTITUTE LAO DELEGATION TO

30TH UNGA:

A) ACTING FONMIN PHOUNE SIPASEUTH (ALSO SPELLED SIPRA-SEUTH), LAO DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT NO. 633;

B) (PHAGNA) NAKKHALA SOUVANNAVONG, SECRETARY GENERAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, PASSPORT 631;

C) MR. SOUBANH SRITHIRATH, CHEF DE CABINET TO FOREIGN MINISTER, PASSPORT 463;

D) MR. KHAMTHONG BOULOM, OVERCOMPLEMENT, PASSPORT 520. (KHAMTHONG WAS COUNSELOR OF LAO EMBASSY BANGKOK UNTIL DECLARED PERSONA NON GRATA LAST MONTH IN RETALIATION FOR LAO ARREST OF TWO THAI ASSISTANT MILITARY ATTACHES. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE HE HAS NOT YET BEEN REASSIGNED AND HAS BEEN AWARDED THIS TRIP AS A CONSOLATION FOR HIS EXPERIENCE IN THAILAND.)

2. DESPITE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS, WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO LEARN PRECISE TRAVEL PLANS OR LENGTH OF DELEGATION'S STAY IN NEW YORK, OTHER THAN THAT MEMBERS WILL TRAVEL ON AEROFLOT VIA MOSCOW. ACTING FONMIN RECEIVED PROMISSION FROM CABINET SEPT 10 TO VISIT LPF HQ AT VIENG SAY FOR ONE WEEK'S CONSULTATION, SO FIRM TRAVEL PLANS MAY NOT BE SET UNTIL HE RETURNS OR UNTIL LAO LEARN ASSIGNED DATE FOR GENERAL-DEBATE SPEECH. WE WILL CABLE ARRIVAL INFORMATION AS SOON AS WE OBTAIN IT; BELIEVE IMMIGRATION COURTESIES PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT SINCE, AT FOREIGN MINISTRY'S REQUEST, VISAS WERE LIMITED TO SINGLE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION. (FOREIGN MINISTRY ASKED FOR TWO-ENTRY VISAS FOR DELEGATES TO IMF/GA SPECIAL SESSION WHO TRAVELED TO U.S. AT END OF AUGUST.)

3. WE HAVE HAD NO RPT NO INTIMATION FROM THE LAO OF INTEREST IN A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY (WHO RECEIVED FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUMI VONGVICHIT IN NEW YORK ONE YEAR AGO.) GIVEN PRESENT STATE OF U.S.-LAO RELATIONS, WE WOULD NOT RPT NOT RECOMMEND A BILATERAL MEETING EVEN IF LAO WERE TO REQUEST IT.

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